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- 2. I am a member in good standing of the bar of Maryland. My work address is Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Mail Stop CC-9528, Washington, DC 20580. Unless stated otherwise, I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and, if called as a witness, would competently testify thereto.
- 3. I submit this certification pursuant to Local Rule 7-4 ("Emergency Motions" in support of the FTC's Emergency Motion for *Ex Parte* Temporary Restraining Order ("TRO Motion"), and in support of the FTC's Emergency *Ex Parte* Motion To Temporarily Seal Docket and Entire File ("Seal Motion").
- 4. Pursuant to Local Rule 7-4, emergency motions must be accompanied by a declaration describing: (a) the nature of the emergency; (b) the office addresses and telephone numbers of the movant and all affected parties; and (c) a statement of the movant certifying facts related to the meet-and-confer process and notification of other parties.
- 5. The FTC files its TRO Motion and Seal Motion under Local Rule 7-4 because the Commission seeks a temporary restraining order ("TRO"), issued without notice to the defendants, to stop ongoing consumer fraud and to preserve evidence and assets during the pendency of litigation. As described more fully in the FTC's TRO Motion and Seal Motion, and exhibits and papers filed in support, defendants run a deceptive online sales operation. Their scheme lures consumers in with offers of cheap, "risk-free" trial products; uses this lure to obtain consumers' credit-card information; then charges consumers hundreds of dollars each month without consumers' consent. The FTC's requested TRO would stop this scheme, freeze defendants' assets, and institute a receivership and expedited discovery to prevent defendants from destroying evidence. The FTC seeks this relief on an emergency basis both to halt ongoing fraud, and because execution of the proposed TRO will require carefully timed coordination between teams of FTC attorneys, forensic analysts, receivership personnel, and local law enforcement in two states. If the Court grants the FTC's emergency motions quickly, these teams are prepared to execute the proposed TRO within approximately 48 hours of issuance of the order.

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(Schaefer). Other affected parties include the 62 defendants named in the FTC's Complaint and

their publicly listed addresses, but they operate their business from warehouses in Nevada (7565

Commercial Way, Unit E, Henderson, NV, 89011; and 7350 Eastgate Road, #140, Henderson,

filed in support, the FTC has not contacted or attempted to contact the defendants, and instead

seeks ex parte relief to preserve evidence and defendants' assets. The defendants' past efforts to

evade law enforcement include elaborate money transfers, misrepresentations to investigators, a

websites. If defendants become aware of the FTC's case before the FTC can secure defendants'

records and assets, there is substantial risk that defendants might conceal or dissipate assets or

destroy documents, frustrating the FTC's law enforcement efforts and the Court's ability to

provide restitution to the victims of defendants' unlawful scheme. The FTC therefore has not

conducted a meet-and-confer with the defendants and seeks emergency ex parte issuance of a

TRO and order to temporarily seal the docket and entire file, pending service and execution of

nesting-doll corporate structure, use of employees as fronts, and the creation of "dummy"

St., Suite 202, Louisville, CO, 80027). Their telephone numbers are unknown.

NV, 89011) and offices in Colorado (6020 Lookout Road, Boulder, CO, 80301; and 2011 Cherry

As described more fully in the FTC's TRO Motion and Seal Motion, and papers

TRO Motion. These defendants use mail forwarding services spread across several states as

The movant's office address and telephone numbers are: Sarah Waldrop and

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the TRO.

Sarah Waldrop

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